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SUBJECT: LTP – FY 2007 WRP Cut-off Date and Implementation Schedule

<u>TO:</u> Area Conservationists
District Conservationists

Area Resource Conservationists for Programs

PURPOSE: Cut-off date for Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) applications

for 2007 funding

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2007

ACTION REQUIRED BY: January 5, 2007 February 14, 2007

The cut-off date for Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) applications to be considered for FY 2007 funding will be <u>January 5, 2007</u>. An implementation schedule is attached for your information.

District Conservationists (DCs) are to verify the conservation compliance and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) status of applicants and secure current and complete ownership records for the proposed easement area. This is to ensure that all owners of record are identified and included in legal documents and communications. The current WRP Guidance document provides information that must be included with applications, so use that until a revised guidance document is issued—later this month.

Area WRP Teams will be administering portions of the WRP workload, and will be receiving training and guidance on December 13-14. A final WRP Ranking Tool will be available after that meeting, in addition to the revised WRP Guidance Document. The new ranking tool will be applied to all outstanding applications. Area WRP Teams will also be responsible for preliminary site inspections and hazardous substances clearance. Area Resource Conservationists for Programs (ARC-Ps) will ensure that complete application packages are sent to Gary Finstad, Easements Coordinator, by February 14, 2007.

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Please make certain that all prospective applicants are informed of the cut-off date and have time to apply for the program. Use whatever promotional methods have proven to be most effective in your Area.

Please, direct any questions to Gary Finstad at (720)544-2820 or your Area Resource Conservationist for Programs.

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Attachment

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